# Alberta Population Report

June 29, 2005 — First Quarter, 2005

## Population Estimates

Alberta's population growth continues to be the highest among the provinces. As of April 1, 2005, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,236,906. This represents a yearly increase of approximately 46,500 persons (or 1.46% growth) since April 1, 2004. British Columbia and Ontario had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.19% and 1.10% respectively.

The following table provides the April 1 population estimates and growth rates for Canada and Alberta since 1998.

TABLE 1: **NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, APRIL 1**

| | Canada | | Alberta | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 1 | Population | Growth Rate | Population | Growth Rate |
| **1998** | 30,081,925 | | 2,877,094 | |
| **1999** | 30,317,125 | 0.78% | 2,937,912 | 2.11% |
| **2000** | 30,597,172 | 0.92% | 2,989,163 | 1.74% |
| **2001** | 30,912,657 | 1.03% | 3,041,661 | 1.76% |
| **2002** | 31,265,843 | 1.14% | 3,100,798 | 1.94% |
| **2003** | 31,568,029 | 0.97% | 3,146,513 | 1.47% |
| **2004** | 31,857,453 | 0.92% | 3,190,436 | 1.40% |
| **2005** | 32,146,547 | 0.91% | 3,236,906 | 1.46% |

*Source: Statistics Canada*

Population estimates for April 1, 2005 for all provinces and territories are shown in Table 2 below. The population growth rates for the twelve-month period ending April 1, 2005 are also included.

## Migration

For the first quarter of 2005 (January 1 to March 31), Alberta had an estimated net interprovincial migration of 5,300 people. This is 58% of the total 9,000 net migrants (interprovincial plus international) to Alberta. During the first quarter, Alberta had the highest interprovincial net migration in Canada. The origin and destination of interprovincial migrants are shown in Table 3 on the next page.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the first quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

## Natural Increase

Alberta gained 4,400 people in natural increase (births minus deaths) in the first quarter. The province had 9,600 births and 5,200 deaths from January 1 to March 31, 2005.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES, APRIL 1, 2005 & YEARLY GROWTH RATES SINCE APRIL 1, 2004**

| | NL. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALTA. | B.C. | YUKON | N.W.T. | NVT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Population | 515,946 | 137,774 | 936,921 | 751,247 | 7,577,080 | 12,482,980 | 1,176,132 | 995,085 | 3,236,906 | 4,232,507 | 31,277 | 42,957 | 29,735 |
| Growth Rate | -0.38% | 0.06% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.66% | 1.10% | 0.74% | 0.02% | 1.46% | 1.19% | 0.83% | 0.87% | 1.39% |

*Source: Statistics Canada*

## TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS, JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2005

| Origin | Destination | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NL | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | AB. | B.C. | Yukon | NWT | NVT. |
| Nfld and Lab. | - | 113 | 432 | 127 | 30 | 1,180 | 109 | 38 | 1,077 | 189 | - | 74 | 32 |
| Prince Edward I. | 70 | - | 96 | 23 | 15 | 132 | 9 | 4 | 169 | 44 | - | - | 0 |
| Nova Scotia | 312 | 149 | - | 546 | 94 | 1,593 | 64 | 45 | 854 | 397 | - | 11 | 13 |
| New Brunswick | 131 | 94 | 598 | - | 313 | 725 | 78 | 32 | 377 | 111 | - | 6 | 0 |
| Quebec | 73 | 30 | 146 | 308 | - | 3,360 | 84 | 71 | 382 | 537 | 13 | 33 | 0 |
| Ontario | 1,003 | 190 | 1,173 | 699 | 3,541 | - | 957 | 274 | 3,374 | 3,025 | 62 | 43 | 49 |
| Manitoba | 51 | 25 | 52 | 74 | 93 | 1,126 | - | 568 | 1,284 | 935 | - | 32 | 18 |
| Saskatchewan | 15 | - | 46 | 16 | 41 | 390 | 564 | - | 3,231 | 723 | 34 | 27 | 6 |
| Alberta | 500 | 29 | 453 | 161 | 413 | 2,026 | 869 | 1,837 | - | 4,903 | 19 | 263 | 21 |
| British Columbia | 105 | 24 | 307 | 117 | 262 | 2,201 | 544 | 702 | 5,672 | - | 48 | 53 | 31 |
| Yukon Territory | - | - | 33 | 13 | - | 5 | 19 | 14 | 8 | 120 | - | 3 | 10 |
| Northwest Terr. | 7 | - | 16 | 22 | - | 61 | 32 | 43 | 299 | 139 | 49 | - | 51 |
| Nunavut Terr. | - | 18 | 28 | - | 23 | 90 | 88 | 18 | 26 | 16 | - | 27 | 0 |

| | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | AB. | B.C. | Yukon | NWT | NVT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In Migration | 2,267 | 672 | 3,380 | 2,206 | 4,825 | 12,889 | 3,417 | 3,646 | 16,753 | 11,139 | 225 | 572 | 231 |
| Out Migration | 3,401 | 662 | 4,078 | 2,465 | 5,037 | 14,390 | 4,258 | 5,093 | 11,494 | 10,066 | 225 | 719 | 334 |
| Net Migration | -1,134 | 10 | 698 | -259 | -212 | -1,501 | -841 | 1,447 | 5,259 | 1,073 | 0 | -147 | -103 |

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*Information provided in this document is preliminary, and thus subject to change in future reports.*

# Alberta Migration by Quarter

| | Interprovincial | | | International | | | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In-Migration | Out-Migration | *Net Interprovincial* | Immigration | Emigration | Non-Permanent Residents | Temporarily Abroad | Returning Emigrants | *Net International* | *Total Net Migration* |
| **1999** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan - Mar | 14,693 | 10,103 | **4,590** | 2,614 | 853 | 460 | 592 | 476 | **2,105** | **6,695** |
| Apr - Jun | 19,693 | 13,402 | **6,291** | 3,026 | 1,218 | 1,186 | 688 | 854 | **3,160** | **9,451** |
| July - Sept | 21,712 | 15,993 | **5,719** | 3,639 | 2,145 | 799 | 941 | 1,070 | **2,422** | **8,141** |
| Oct - Dec | 11,862 | 8,770 | **3,092** | 2,810 | 1,234 | -962 | 697 | 497 | **414** | **3,506** |
| *Total* | *67,960* | *48,268* | ***19,692*** | *12,089* | *5,450* | *1,483* | *2,918* | *2,897* | ***8,101*** | ***27,793*** |
| **2000** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan - Mar | 17,065 | 10,313 | **6,752** | 2,864 | 894 | 713 | 606 | 437 | **2,514** | **9,266** |
| Apr - Jun | 20,082 | 12,971 | **7,111** | 3,552 | 1,211 | 561 | 690 | 806 | **3,018** | **10,129** |
| July - Sept | 20,600 | 15,768 | **4,832** | 4,171 | 2,638 | 1,353 | 967 | 1,007 | **2,926** | **7,758** |
| Oct - Dec | 14,032 | 8,330 | **5,702** | 3,762 | 1,455 | -856 | 698 | 404 | **1,157** | **6,859** |
| *Total* | *71,779* | *47,382* | ***24,397*** | *14,349* | *6,198* | *1,771* | *2,961* | *2,654* | ***9,615*** | ***34,012*** |
| **2001** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan - Mar | 12,964 | 8,471 | **4,493** | 3,831 | 1,031 | 1,048 | 601 | 405 | **3,652** | **8,145** |
| Apr - Jun | 16,533 | 11,103 | **5,430** | 4,436 | 1,311 | 889 | 665 | 782 | **4,131** | **9,561** |
| July - Sept | 25,737 | 16,805 | **8,932** | 4,578 | 2,111 | 1,653 | 1,030 | 1,038 | **4,128** | **13,060** |
| Oct - Dec | 15,261 | 9,502 | **5,759** | 3,548 | 904 | -749 | 650 | 503 | **1,748** | **7,507** |
| *Total* | *70,495* | *45,881* | ***24,614*** | *16,393* | *5,357* | *2,841* | *2,946* | *2,728* | ***13,659*** | ***38,273*** |
| **2002** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan - Mar | 16,033 | 10,241 | **5,792** | 3,931 | 715 | 390 | 592 | 403 | **3,417** | **9,209** |
| Apr - Jun | 18,584 | 12,832 | **5,752** | 4,601 | 943 | 581 | 663 | 824 | **4,400** | **10,152** |
| July - Sept | 22,290 | 18,185 | **4,105** | 3,090 | 2,121 | 1,205 | 1,031 | 1,037 | **2,180** | **6,285** |
| Oct - Dec | 12,121 | 9,887 | **2,234** | 3,130 | 905 | -857 | 650 | 502 | **1,220** | **3,454** |
| *Total* | *69,028* | *51,145* | ***17,883*** | *14,752* | *4,684* | *1,319* | *2,936* | *2,766* | ***11,217*** | ***29,100*** |
| **2003** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan - Mar | 14,036 | 11,453 | **2,583** | 3,102 | 713 | 657 | 589 | 403 | **2,860** | **5,443** |
| Apr - Jun | 16,180 | 13,199 | **2,981** | 4,297 | 945 | 335 | 663 | 823 | **3,847** | **6,828** |
| July - Sept | 22,070 | 18,948 | **3,122** | 4,576 | 2,146 | 289 | 1,035 | 1,037 | **2,721** | **5,843** |
| Oct - Dec | 12,969 | 11,168 | **1,801** | 3,864 | 908 | -329 | 649 | 502 | **2,480** | **4,281** |
| *Total* | *65,255* | *54,768* | ***10,487*** | *15,839* | *4,712* | *952* | *2,936* | *2,765* | ***11,908*** | ***22,395*** |
| **2004** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan - Mar | 16,834 | 13,306 | **3,528** | 4,069 | 710 | 387 | 588 | 402 | **3,560** | **7,088** |
| Apr - Jun | 20,172 | 17,721 | **2,451** | 4,562 | 949 | 196 | 663 | 823 | **3,969** | **6,420** |
| July - Sept | 19,334 | 17,438 | **1,896** | 4,525 | 2,227 | 980 | 1,035 | 1,037 | **3,280** | **5,176** |
| Oct - Dec | 13,481 | 9,756 | **3,725** | 3,278 | 965 | 183 | 649 | 502 | **2,349** | **6,074** |
| *Total* | *69,821* | *58,221* | ***11,600*** | *16,434* | *4,851* | *1,746* | *2,935* | *2,764* | ***13,158*** | ***24,758*** |
| **2005** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan - Mar | 16,753 | 11,494 | **5,259** | 4,270 | 772 | 495 | 588 | 402 | **3,807** | **9,066** |
| Apr - Jun | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| July - Sept | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Oct - Dec | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| *Total* | *16,753* | *11,494* | ***5,259*** | *4,270* | *772* | *495* | *588* | *402* | ***3,807*** | ***9,066*** |

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